14. Removal of Tolls on Permanent Bridges.

15. Control of prices of vehicles and tyres.

16. Reduction of Excise Duty on commercial vehicles.

Non-Payment of dues to Bombay Port Trust

119. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Syrian ships sailed away from Bombay Port Trust Dock without paying dues to the authorities;

(b) if so, what are the dues owed to the various authorities; and

(c) what action has been taken against the erring officials together with their designation and number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dues payable by the two ships to Bomaby Port Trust amounted to Rs. 3,58,258. These dues have been collected by the Bombay Port Trust from the agents of the ships.

(c) No port official could be held responsible for the sailing away of the ships.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की पथ संदर्शिका का प्रकाशन

120. **मौलाना औबैदुल्ला खान आजमी**: क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की पथ-संदर्शिका पिछली बार कब प्रकाशित हुई थी, और

(ख) अगली पथ-संदर्शिका को कब तक प्रकाशित किए जाने का विचार है ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) पिछली बार दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की पथ-संदर्शिका (रूट गाइड) फरवरी, 1990 में प्रकाशित की गई थी। दिल्ली परिवहन निगम द्वारा अगली पथ-संदर्शिका को वर्ष 1992 के अन्त तक प्रकाशित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Non-Disposal of Scrap by DTC

121. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC scrap worth crores of rupees is lying undisposed;

(b) if so, the estimated value of the scrap to be disposed of by the DTC stating the period for which the scrap has been lying undisposed;

(c) the percentage by which the DTC losses would have been minimised with the disposal of the above scrap; and

(d) what are the reasons for not disposing of the scrap stating the steps taken/proposed to be taken to dispose of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimaed value of the scrap is between 4 to 5 crores. The scrap which comprises of old vehicles, scrapped material, used oil, scrap tyres, tubes and flaps and other miscellaneous material is from different periods between October, 1985 and July, 1992.

(c) Reduction in DTCs losses would have been around 2 to 2.5 per cent.

(d) In the transport industry, scrap arising is a regular feature. The scrap generated, from time to time, is disposed of through open tender, running rate contract, etc. Certain delay in disposal of scrapped vehicles has been due to litigation. DTC have already invited tenders for the disposal of scrapped items and it is expected that majority of the scrap would be disposed of shortly.